

Media Advisory



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Common Ground to Focus on Education in South Carolina, 2020 and Beyond

*S.C. Education Oversight Committee (EOC) to Convene Long-Range Planning Group to
Explore Critical Actions for Future Educational Success*

WHO: Common Ground group includes representation from the following: State Superintendent of Education, State Board of Education, General Assembly, Education Oversight Committee, Governor's Education Reform Council, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Palmetto Business Forum, Palmetto Institute, Council on Competitiveness, Council of Presidents from higher education, higher education trustees, education associations, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and others.

WHAT: The planning session will define priorities and critical actions we must accomplish so that, in 2020 and beyond, South Carolina is known for its educational successes more than for its challenges. Concept papers have been written on the following topics, which will provide the basis for discussions:

- What experiences are essential so that all students accomplish the curriculum necessary to become good citizens, positive family members and productive workers?
- How can schools be governed to maintain their communities of interest and involvement yet administered in ways that support dynamic impact with fiscal efficiency?
- How can the educational delivery systems serving young people be integrated so that they complement and enable one another to achieve excellence?
- How can we ensure a professional education workforce that continually increases in competency and is available so that every school can achieve the system goals?
- How can we ensure that educational programs have access to facilities that support the achievement of our goals, without incurring inordinate community costs?
- How can we identify and address the prerequisites of school success in the social, health, and economic lives of children?

WHEN: September 11-12, 2005 (*General Session to begin at 2 p.m. on September 11*)

WHERE: Madren Center
Clemson University
100 Madren Center Drive
Clemson, S.C.

NOTE: Common Ground is open to the media. Contact Dana Yow at (803) 734-6148 or danay@eoc.state.sc.us for a detailed agenda and information regarding concept papers. Small group sessions will examine specific topics in detail.

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